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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) are the  
4 leading cause of intellectual disability in the United States  
5 and are 100% preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, The term FASD includes a broader range of  
7 conditions and therefore has replaced fetal alcohol syndrome as  
8 the umbrella term describing the range of effects that can  
9 occur in an individual whose mother consumed alcohol during  
10 pregnancy; and

11 WHEREAS, The prevalence of FASD is estimated to be at least  
12 1% of all live births in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, FASD is the leading known cause of learning  
14 disabilities and is a major cause of numerous social problems,  
15 including juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment,  
16 mental illness, and crime; and

17 WHEREAS, Ten to 14% of women in Illinois report using  
18 alcohol during pregnancy; and

19 WHEREAS, The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage  
20 Act requires that with each marriage license a county clerk

1 shall provide a pamphlet describing the causes and effects of  
2 fetal alcohol syndrome; and

3 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, this well-intended statutory  
4 requirement does not provide a means for a county clerk to meet  
5 the requirement; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois affiliate of the National  
7 Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, NOFAS Illinois, which  
8 is administered by Trinity Services, Inc., has agreed to  
9 provide free educational pamphlets to each county clerk, thus  
10 making this well-intentioned statute a reality in all counties  
11 in Illinois; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that within 60 days after this joint  
15 resolution is adopted, NOFAS Illinois and the County Clerks  
16 Association should determine the best ways to ensure that each  
17 couple receiving a marriage license will receive from the  
18 county clerk an educational pamphlet about fetal alcohol  
19 syndrome; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 delivered to the County Clerks Association.